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TAGS: ETRD, EEC, YO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EC OFFER TO YUGOSLAVIA OF FREE TRADE AGREE-  
MENT

REF: GENEVA 9476

1 UPON READING THE ARTICLE IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES MENTIONED  
REFTEL, WE ATTEMPTED TO CHECK OUT ITS ACCURACY WITH THE EC COMMIS-  
SION. OUR COMMISSION SOURCES, BACKED UP BY CONTACTS IN MEMBER  
STATES' PERMANENT DELEGATIONS, INDICATED THAT THE ARTICLE IS  
WITHOUT BASIS IN FACT.

NO PLANS ARE AFOOT TO OFFER YUGOSLAVIA ANY FORM OF FREE TRADE  
AGREEMENT. WE NOTE THAT THE FINANCIAL TIMES, IN A BRUSSELS-  
DATELINED STORY ON DECEMBER 12, SIMILARLY REPORTED THAT THERE  
WAS NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF THE EC TO OFFER SUCH TREATMENT  
TO YUGOSLAVIA.

2. COMMENT: A COMMISSION WIT HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE NAME OF  
THE FINANCIAL TIMES JOURNALIST WHO WROTE THE FIRST STORY WAS  
PROBABLY INCORRECTLY GIVEN AS A. LEBL AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE  
BEEN BETTER SUITED WITH THE NAME OF A. LIBEL.  
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